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SUBJECT: IRAQ NEIGHBORS PROCESS: GOJ TO TAKE DECISION SOON
ON PARTICIPATION IN SEPT 8-9 EXPERTS-LEVEL MEETING IN
BAGHDAD

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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) On August 27 Polcouns raised Jordanian participation at the September 8-9 experts-level meeting in Baghdad (reftel) with Thamer Adwan, the Foreign Minister's office director. Adwan confirmed that the GOJ had received the invitation from the GOI and that a recommendation for Jordanian attendance was with Prime Minister Bakhit's office for decision. Polcouns noted the importance of robust engagement through the neighbors' process and urged a prompt affirmative reply. Adwan concurred, affirming that the GOJ is committed to supporting any efforts which will enhance stability and security in Iraq, and promised to follow up once a decision was made.
Hale